Best Brains Coming at Last

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The Canada Council

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Canada Council fellowships are available to applicants from all over the world.

Where did our leading scholars and educators get their education?

Most of them picked up their senior academic qualifications outside the country—notably in Britain, France and the U.S.

And most of them, moreover, after having shown promise in early graduate work at Canadian universities, didn't have to pay for the vital last phase of their education.

Indeed, in the U.S., there is no distinction made between American and Canadian applications for senior fellowships. The best man wins.

Canadians have been lucky that narrow nationalism didn't dictate these scholarship and fellowship policies, but rather a broad and enlightened conception that a "university" scholarship which would be all the more enriched by a diversity of nationalities.

Double Benefit

Of course in the end, such policies worked not only to the benefit of the individual but to the host-country.

Canada has never been able to reciprocate in any appreciable degree.

She had some (though few) institutions for advanced study. But there was never the money.

The Canada Council, in some measure, is now going to be able to rectify this situation.

Its funds are not so great that the Canada-U.S. border will become a two-way street with equal numbers of post-graduate students moving in either direction.

But there are more than 30 other countries, besides the U.S., that have scholarships open to Canadians.

Reversed Now

And now Canada Council fellowships are to be available to applicants from all over the world, to pursue graduate and special studies at Canadian universities.

At present, the number of non-residents studying in Canada on Canada Council scholarships stands at 74.

The number henceforth will likely run to about 100 in each subsequent year—and will represent annual Canada Council assistance of about $350,000.

With such generous aid, Canada will be in a position perhaps to assume the same benefactory role toward junior and less favored nations of the Commonwealth and the smaller nations of the world as Britain and the U.S. played for Canada in our days of lesser academic stature.

This $350,000 a year which will go to foreign students represents approximately one-quarter of the total the Canada Council will distribute annually to individuals in the form of fellowships and study grants.

The other $1,000,000 or so will all go to Canadians.

Nine Categories

There are nine categories for Canadians.

The most valuable of them is for "senior fellowships" in the arts, the humanities and the social sciences, to be awarded for advanced study outside Canada.

These senior fellowships are for one year and carry an average award of $4,000 plus travel allowance, but employers are expected to make an appropriate salary allowance.

Also offered are "pre-doctor's degree fellowships," for persons having Master's degrees and wanting to pursue Ph.D. studies in Canada or abroad. At $2,000 a year plus travel, they are subject to renewal.

The Council offers "pre-master's degree scholarships" also, worth an average of $1,200 for study toward a Master's degree in the graduate school of a Canadian university.

Work in Arts

The fourth category is called "arts scholarships," average value $2,000 (plus travel), "for study or other work in the arts," in Canada or elsewhere.

Another category of Canada Council scholarship is available only to secondary school teachers and librarians, worth $2,000 (plus travel), tenable for one year.

A separate category is set up for art teachers and staff members of art galleries and museums, "to study or do other work to improve their qualifications."

Another category is labelled "grants in aid of research and other productive scholarship," which ordinarily would be short-term grants for senior scholars to tide over an emergency.

There is another category of fellowships for journalists, broadcasters and film-makers, average value $3,000, "for experienced creative and interpretative workers" in the field, for study or work in Canada or abroad.

And finally, the council set up a special category "for scholars and workers of special distinction or promise" whose applications would not easily fit into any of the other categories.

Bell Tolled For Tommy

CHICAGO (AP)—Tommy Strunk, 4, saw a button. He pushed it. Nothing happened.

So he continued his exploration of the Madison Bank where his father, Marvin Strunk, an assistant vice-president, was doing some after-hours work Saturday.

Things weren't quiet for long, though. Lots of policemen came to the bank. Tommy's father let them in. There was a lot of talk. Then, they all looked at Tommy.

Everybody seemed to know Tommy had pressed a button.

Elizabeth Duncan's Dream

'Large Animal After Her'

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — Condemned murderess Elizabeth Duncan says an animal-like apparition chases her in her sleep and she has lived in life-long fright of this dream.

Portions of psychiatrists' reports on their examinations of Mrs. Duncan were made public yesterday.

During the trial in which she was sentenced to death for hiring the murder of her daughter-in-law, Dr. Louis Nash testified that Mrs. Duncan was sane. In his report, he added:

"Just when she is falling asleep, she sees on occasions a large object, animal-like in configuration — although she cannot describe what kind of animal — that appears to be coming after her. This frequently causes her to wake up terrified, in a cold sweat."

Another psychiatrist, Dr. Philip May, probed into her thoughts on her many marriages. He quoted her:

"It's easy for me to get married. Other women can't. I guess I want to show them.

"I really hate men and love them, too. I can't stand to belong to them."

WASHINGTON (AP) — **President Eisenhower** sent word to a delegation of student youth marchers yesterday he will never be satisfied until the last vestiges of racial discrimination have disappeared in the United States.

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